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In re application of: Spooner et al.

Serial No.: 10/006,964

Group No: 2826

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Examiner: T. Dickey

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROTECTING MICRO ELECTROMECHANICAL
SYSTEMS STRUCTURES DURING DICING OF A WAFER

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

— a small entity - verified statement:

— attached.

— already filed.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

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If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<u>X</u> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<u> </u> two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
<u> </u> three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
<u> </u> four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00
<u> </u> fifth month	\$1,960.00	\$980.00

Fee \$ 110.00

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.
(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

 An extension for months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of
\$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 110.00

OR

(b) X Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT ADDIT. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	OR	ADDIT. RATE	FEE
TOTAL	92	MINUS	145	=	x 9=	\$	x18=	\$	
INDEP.	2	MINUS	5	=	x 42=	\$	x84=	\$	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+140=	\$	+\$280=	\$	
					TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$	OR FEE	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$

If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
 If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
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WARNING: "After final rejection or action (1.113) amendments may be made cancelling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 CFR 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d) as applicable)

- (c) X No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

- (d) Total additional fee for claims required \$_____.

FEE PAYMENT

5. X Attached is a check in the sum of \$110.00.
 Charge Account No. _____ the sum of \$_____.
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FEE DEFICIENCY

NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).

6. X If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 19-0079

AND/OR

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, the period for response having been extended to one (1) month to February 28, 2003 in the concurrently filed petition for extension of time, the following remarks are respectfully submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in connection with the above-identified application.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-145 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has alleged that the presently pending claims are directed to seven (7) separate patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. More specifically, the Examiner alleges that the presently pending claims are directed to the patentably distinct species as illustrated in Figures 1-5; Figures 6-10; Figures 11-17; Figures 18-25; Figures 26-33; Figures 34-41; and Figure 42. This assertion by the Examiner and follow-on election of species requirement is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Initially, Figures 1-42 set forth, illustratively, the various aspects of the present invention that are disclosed in the originally filed specification. On the other hand, upon a careful review,